GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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FORMATION OF A COUNCIL FOR PHYSIOTHERAPY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to form a council exclusively for physiotherapy at National Level on the lines of the Dental Council of India , the Pharmaceutical Council of India and Medical Council of India ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether physiotherapists working in the civil and Army Hospitals and in Universities are likely to consulted before finalising the proposed Council;

(a) if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the upgraded undergraduate and post graduate courses of physiotherapy with extended duration have been recognised by the Government as a distinct stream of medical treatment;

(c) if so, whether these courses are in line with the developments in the world as adopted by Delhi Act No. 7 ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof;?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (g) With a view to prescribing uniform standards of training and regulating the profession of Paramedical disciplines and Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy, and after following the due process of consultation with all concerned, the Government is in the process of introducing a Paramedical and Physiotherapy Councils Bill in the Parliament with a view to establish 3 Councils. One of the Councils namely the Physiotherapy Council will deal with the matters relating to Physiotherapy and Occupational therapy. The question of recognition of courses can be dealt with only after the constitution of the Council. However, adequate provisions have been made in the proposed Bill for protecting the interest of existing qualified professionals including any courses recognized by the Ministry earlier in the respective fields including Physiotherapy.